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SUBJECT: VISIT OF DEFENSE ORIENTATION CONFERENCE ASSOCIATION
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1. EMBASSY DISCUSSED DOCA VISIT AT SOME LENGTH WITH JUSMAGG AND COUNSELED AGAINST MAKING ANY ARRANGEMENT WHICH WOULD ENTAIL CONTACT WITH PROMINENT GREEK OFFICIALS OR OPERATIONAL UNITS OF HELLENIC ARMED FORCES. IN VIEW OF FACT THAT 301ST REBUILD EAACTORY IS MILITARY/INDUSTRIAL FACILITY WELL REMOVED FROM ATHENS PROPER AND THAT DOCA GROUP NEITHER USG-AFFILIATED NOR PARTICULARLY PROMINENT, EMBASSY CONCLUDED THAT RISK OF EXPLOITATION BY GOG QUITE MINIMAL.

2. IN THIS CONNECTION, DEPARTMENT SHOULD BE AWARE THAT FORTHCOMING (MAY 15-20) ICAF VISIT WILL ENTAIL CONTACT WITH GREEK MILITARY BOTH IN ATHENS (SHAFC) AND THESSALONIKI (C CORPS). EMBASSY ASSUMED SUCH CONTACTS WERE ANTICIPATED BY DEPARTMENT IN ITS APPROVAL OF VISIT. SUCCESSFUL ICAF VISIT NOT POSSIBLE WITHOUT SUCH CONTACTS. EMBASSY CANNOT EXCLUDE POSSIBILITY THAT PUBLICITY MIGHT BE GENERATED AS A RESULT.
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